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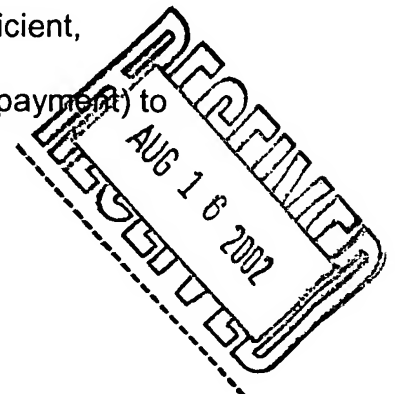
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. It is believed that no fee is due at the present time as this statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). However, should any fee be missing or insufficient, authorization is hereby given to charge said fee (or credit any overpayment) to deposit account number 12-2147.



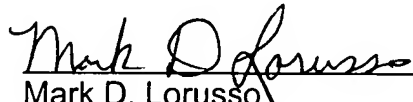
Filed herewith are copies of each of the six references listed on attached form PTO-1449. In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(i), a concise explanation of relevance is provided below for reference DE3320586A1, which is not in the English language. Regarding references DE9201932U1 and DE8521062U1, which also are not in the English language, a copy of the English language version of the Search Report citing said references and indicating the degree of relevance of said references is attached hereto in accordance with section 609(A)(3) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), second full paragraph, in fulfillment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(3)(i) concise explanation of relevance requirement.

DE3320586A1 discloses a toilet brush wherein it is proposed that the brush body 12 of a toilet brush be divided into a main part 121 starting from the handle piece 11 in the head part 122 associated releasably with the main part 121, allowing the worn head part 122 to be replaced by a replacement head part, main part 121 and the head part 122 being connected via a screw connection.

While this statement contains all relevant information presently known to the Applicants, it should not be interpreted as a representation that an exhaustive search has been conducted or that no other relevant information exists. Moreover, the Applicants invite the Examiner to make an independent evaluation of the cited references to determine their relevance to the subject matter of the present application.

Finally, the Applicants urge that their claims are patentably distinguishable over all disclosed relevant information or any combination thereof.

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